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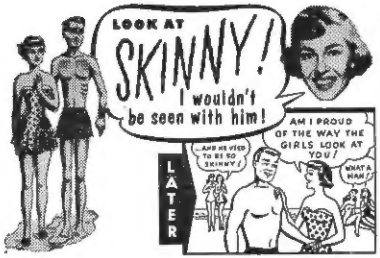
LOOK AT
SKINNY!
I wouldn't be seen with him!
AM I PROUD OF THE WAY THE GIRLS LOOK AT YOU!
AND HE USED TO BE SO SKINNY!
WHAT A MAN!
LATER

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MARINES IN ACTION ON KOREAN BATTLEFIELDS WITH

"ROCK" MURDOCK

THE FIGHTING GYRENE!!

YOUR BANZAI IS GOING TO END RIGHT HERE, MAJOR MONG!
AN' MY PAL "ROCK" MURDOCK AIN'T JUST SCUTTLEBUTTIN'!!
"SURPRISE ATTACK!"
THIS ALSO NOT IDLE TALK WHEN I SAY THAT SOON MARINES BE NO MORE!
ROCK! THAT COMMIE CHARACTER IS GOING TO SET FIRE TO OUR GAS AND OIL SUPPLY!
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FOX COMPANY PICKED UP "ROCK" MURDOCK'S BATTLE CRY AND A BATTERING RAM OF GYRENES HIT THE REDS...

THE COMMIE LINE STAGGERED UNDER THE POWERFUL MARINE SMASH...

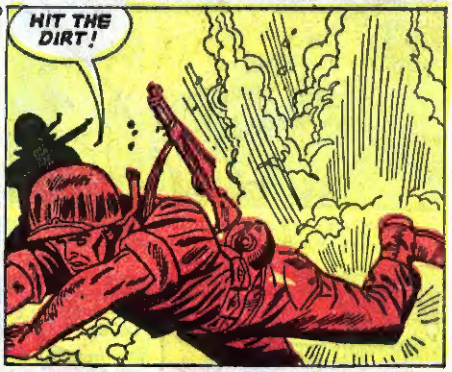
THEN THEIR LINE CRUMBLED...

...AND TO SAVE THE PIECES, MAJOR MONG CALLED A RETREAT!

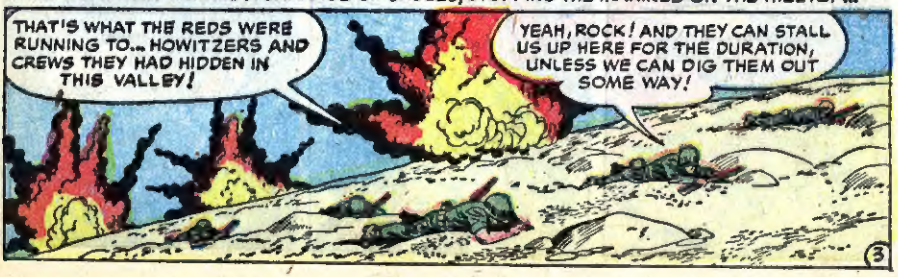
THE BIG CHASE BEGAN! OVER THE RICE PADDIES, THRU THE WOODS, AND INTO THE HILLS FLED THE REDS, WITH THE FOX COMPANY GYRENES PICKIN'-'EM-UP-AN'-PUTTIN'-'EM-DOWN RIGHT BEHIND THE GALLOPING COMMIES!

OUR VALLEY IS OVER THE NEXT HILL, COMRADE MAJOR!
YES! AND WHEN WE GET THERE, THE AMERICAN MARINES WILL GET A VERY UNHAPPY SURPRISE!

THE REDS REACHED THE HILL AND DISAPPEARED OVER THE CREST AND THE MARINES FOLLOWED! AND THAT'S WHEN THE COMMIES LET LOOSE THEIR SURPRISE...



FROM THE VALLEY ROARED A BARRAGE OF SHELLS, STOPPING THE MARINES ON THE HILLTOP...


THAT'S WHAT THE REDS WERE RUNNING TO... HOWITZERS AND CREWS THEY HAD HIDDEN IN THIS VALLEY!
YEAH, ROCK! AND THEY CAN STALL US UP HERE FOR THE DURATION, UNLESS WE CAN DIG THEM OUT SOME WAY!

ARE WE GOIN' TO ATTACK, CAP'N?
WHEN IT GETS DARK AND WHEN OUR SUPPLIES CATCH UP WITH US!
CEASE FIRE! THE AMERICAN MARINES FEAR TO ATTACK! AND THEY CANNOT ADVANCE AS LONG AS WE HAVE THIS STRONGHOLD!
YOUR PLAN IS MOST BRILLIANT, COMRADE MAJOR! WE HAVE ENOUGH AMMUNITION AND FOOD FOR A VERY LONG SIEGE, UNTIL REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE!
FOX COMPANY WAITED UNTIL NIGHT FELL OVER KOREA...
HERE COME THE TRUCKS WITH OUR SUPPLIES, CAP'N!
GOOD! WE'LL START AN ATTACK AS SOON AS EVERY MAN GETS PLENTY OF AMMO AND GRENADES!
AN HOUR LATER, FOX COMPANY WAS READY TO SHOVE OFF! THEY CRAWLED OVER THE CROWN OF THE HILL...
COMRADE MAJOR! OBSERVE MOVEMENT ON TOP OF HILL!
IT MUST BE THE MARINES! THEY ARE ATTEMPTING A SURPRISE ATTACK! BUT IT IS WE WHO WILL GIVE THE SURPRISE! HOWITZERS OPEN FIRE!
ONCE AGAIN THE RED HOWITZERS HOWLED...
THE HILLSIDES BLOOMED WITH FLASHING FLOWERS OF FIRE AND STEEL...
THEY'RE WISE TO US, CAP'N!
YEAH, ROCK!
WE CAN'T MAKE IT THRU THIS SHELLFIRE! PASS THE WORD FOR EVERYONE TO BREAK OFF THE ATTACK AND MOVE BACK OVER THE HILLTOP!
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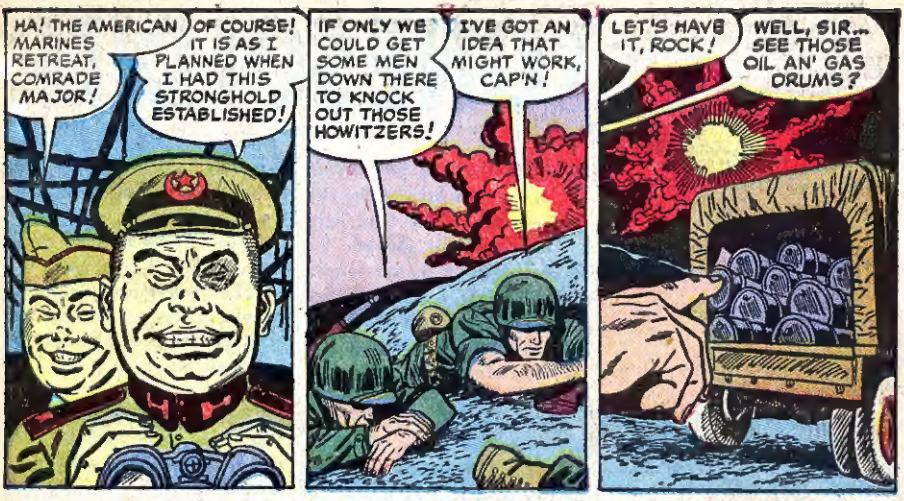
HA! THE AMERICAN MARINES RETREAT, COMRADE MAJOR!
OF COURSE! IT IS AS I PLANNED WHEN I HAD THIS STRONGHOLD ESTABLISHED!
IF ONLY WE COULD GET SOME MEN DOWN THERE TO KNOCK OUT THOSE HOWITZERS!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA THAT MIGHT WORK, CAP'N!
LET'S HAVE IT, ROCK!
WELL, SIR... SEE THOSE OIL AN' GAS DRUMS?

THE CAPTAIN LISTENED AND LIKED ROCK'S IDEA! A SHORT TIME LATER, THE REDS SAW A STRANGE SIGHT...

OIL AND GASOLINE DRUMS ROLLING DOWN THE HILL, COMRADE, MAJOR!
HA! THE YANKEES TRY FOOLISH TRICKS TO DESTROY OUR HOWITZERS! LET THE DRUMS PASS THRU HARMLESSLY!

THE DRUMS CLANGED THRU THE RED DEFENSES AS THE COMMIES LAUGHED, BUT THEIR LAUGHTER TURNED INTO AMAZEMENT, AS OUT OF THE DRUMS CAME *UNITED STATES MARINES!*

KEEP AWAY FROM THE HOWITZERS! THE REST OF OUR COMPANY IS COMING DOWN THE HILL BEHIND YOU, YOU ARE SURROUNDED!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
YOUR IDEA OF CUTTING AWAY THE TOPS OF THE GAS AND OIL DRUMS AND STUFFING THEM WITH GYRENES WORKED, ROCK! THANKS FROM ALL OF US!
IT WAS NOTHIN', CAP'N! IT'S *EASY* TO OUT-MANEUVER THE REDS EVERY TIME!

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LONE SOLDIER

A SHEPHERD'S pipe trilled in the hills beyond the city to the north as the faint light of the pre-dawn glowed like blocks of silver in the eastern sky. The river, a muddy yellow in color, flowed quietly below the walls of the sleeping city of low, rude buildings and tree-pillared temples.

Over one of the many bridges a man walked slowly, not looking back. He walked along the narrow road leading north. On his face was a grim look, almost a look of anger. For half an hour he strolled into the vales and dells. Then, a hail from a low hill stopped him. He glanced up, his face lightening in recognition. A farmer, his friend, up before dawn to tend his stock, came down to the road.

"You are leaving the city?" the farmer asked, in amazement.

"I am leaving it," the first man said. "I am a good farmer, but there is no land for me to work. I am a good soldier, but what pay can a soldier get?" He shrugged. "The city has fallen upon ungrateful and slothful times!"

"But stay yet here awhile," his friend said. "Remain with me on my farm. Here you can live and work."

"I want my own land," the other said. "One's own land is worth defending by one's own sword." He slapped the weapon at his hip.

"Perhaps those in the city will be one day grateful," the farmer said.

"They look down upon us haughtily," the soldier rejoined. "They think we are of little use. Do you see aught, upon these hills, of sentries to warn of an enemy attack, if it comes? I tell you the city has grown lazy, forgetful . . ." He paused, startled. "Did you hear that sound? A sound like the clink of metal on metal?"

The farmer listened, paling. The silence had, indeed, been broken. From faintly over the further hill came a faint sound of iron on iron, brass on brass . . . the sound of arms and armor.

"The enemy!" he whispered hoarsely. "There is no army of ours to the north . . . it must be the enemy's." He stared off toward the distant city. "'Tis but cockcrow! The guards will be sleepy and few. There will not be time to gather sufficient of the citizens to close off the bridges." He clutched at the soldier's arm. "You are a soldier, a real soldier . . . what shall we do?"

"Call your sons," the soldier muttered. "The bridges must be burned immediately. Tell them to carry the word to the shepherds who tend their flocks all along the river. They will have straw for burning!"

"'Tis hard to destroy hard work," the farmer said slowly. "But 'tis true what you advise . . . either the bridges or the city!"

A moment later the farmer had called his sons. One he kept with him. The other two set out immediately to give the alarm and set fire to the bridge.

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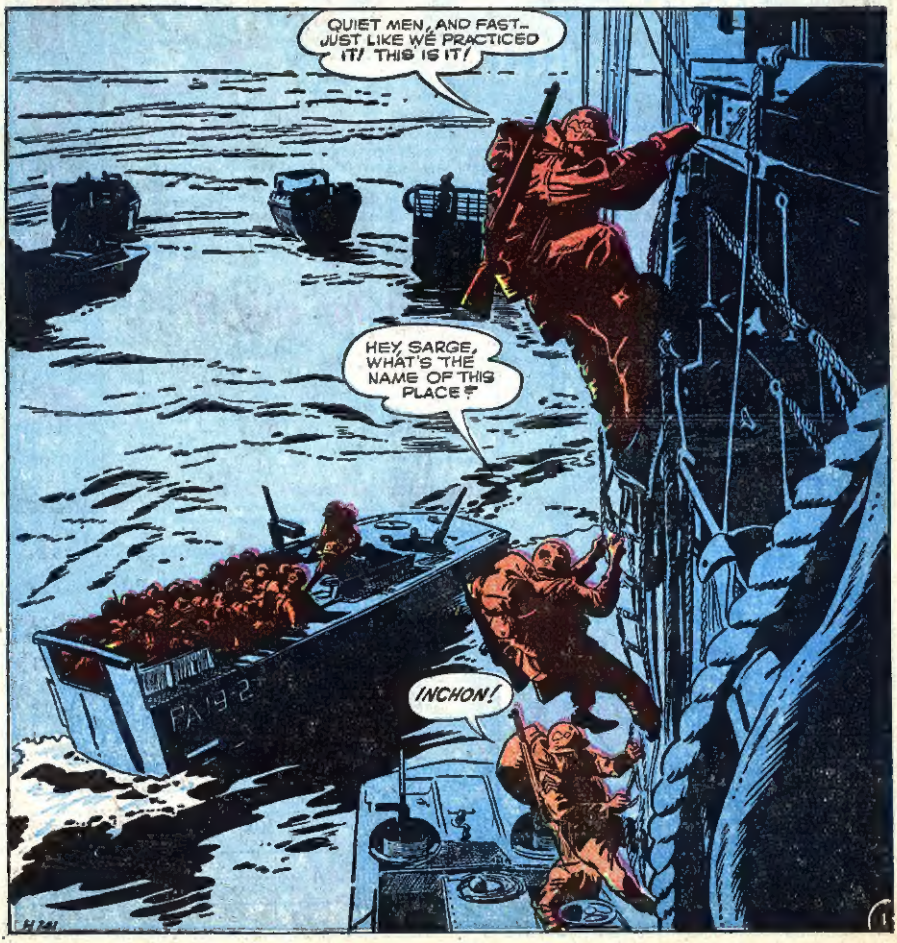
AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT

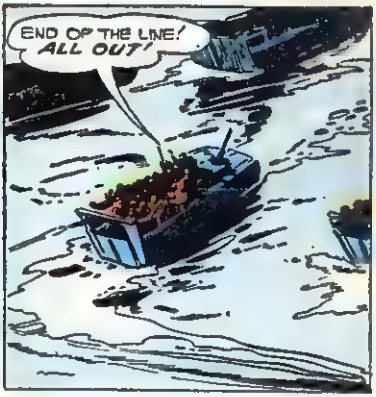


JOEY WENT OVER THE SIDE AND INTO THE BARGE LIKE ALL THE OTHERS! HE WONDERED, DID HE FEEL THE WAY HE DID BECAUSE HE HAD NEVER BEEN IN BATTLE BEFORE? THE OTHERS WERE VETERANS...

HE SQUATTED THERE, TRYING TO LOOK UNCONCERNED LIKE THE OTHERS, THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, AND HIS EYES STRAINED AHEAD TOWARD THE HIDDEN SHORE...

AUTOMATICALLY HE OBEYED THE ORDERS...

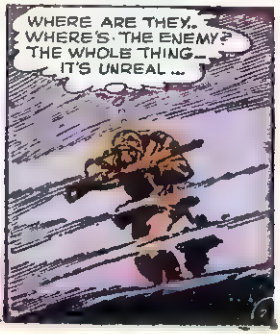
THEIR 50 CALIBER MACHINE-GUN STRUCK AT THE FOG! AT WHAT, JOEY WONDERED? THERE WAS NOTHING TO SEE...



THEY BUMPED THE SHORE! JOEY HAD TO GRIT HIS TEETH, FORCE HIMSELF TO MOVE, TO LEAVE THE BOAT, TO JUMP TO THE HEAVING, BLASTED SHORE...

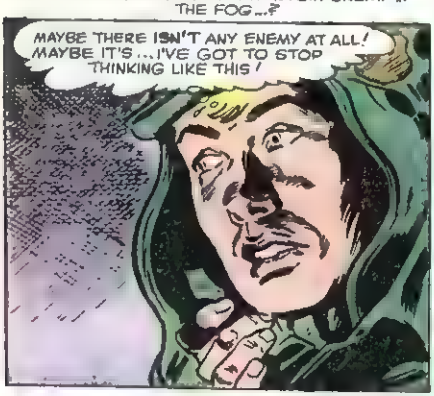
HE LOOKED BACK! HE SAW THE FLASHES THRU THE FOG... THE BIG GUNS OF THE SHIPS, LASHING TO COVER THEM! HE WISHED HE WAS BACK THERE, ON THE SHIP, SURROUNDED BY FAMILIAR THINGS THAT A MAN COULD *SEE*...

FOR A MOMENT, THE FOG PARTED AND AHEAD THEY SAW ROCKS AND THEY LEAPED THRU HOLES IN THE SEA WALL...

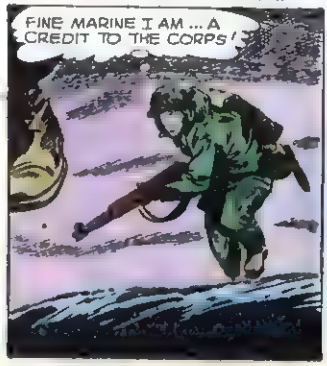


THE OFFICERS CHECKED THEIR MAPS AND LOCATED THE OTHER UNITS! THE MEN SMOKED AND BROKE OUT THEIR RATIONS...

HOW COULD THEY BE SO CALM, HE THOUGHT, WHILE THE SHELLS CAME AT THEM FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, FROM THAT PHANTOM ENEMY IN THE FOG...?



HE MOVED FORWARD LIKE A PUPPET ATTACHED TO THE OTHERS..

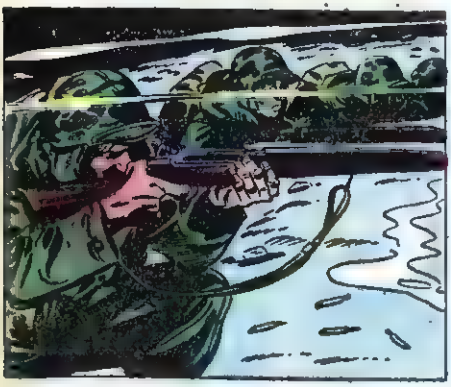


THE ENEMY WAS COMING...

AND THEN HE SAW THEM, PLUNGING OUT OF THE FOG! FOR A SPLIT SECOND, HE STOOD ROOTED! THIS WAS THE MOMENT HE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR...

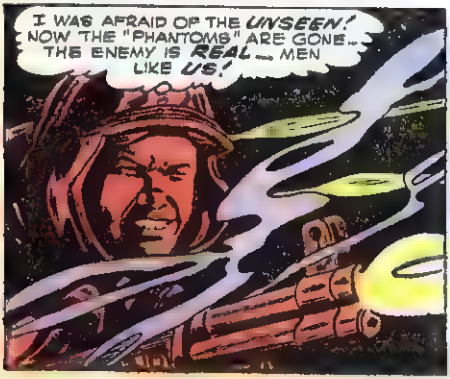
HE PLUNGED TOWARD THEM, SHOUTING...

SOMEWHERE IN THOSE MOMENTS, THE DOUBTS DRAINED AWAY! HE FELT HIS OWN COURAGE, HIS ABILITY AS A FIGHTING MAN, A MARINE, SWELL WITHIN HIM...

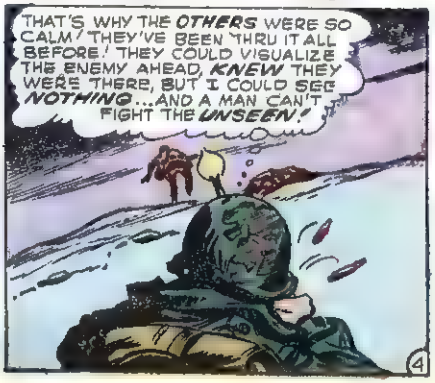


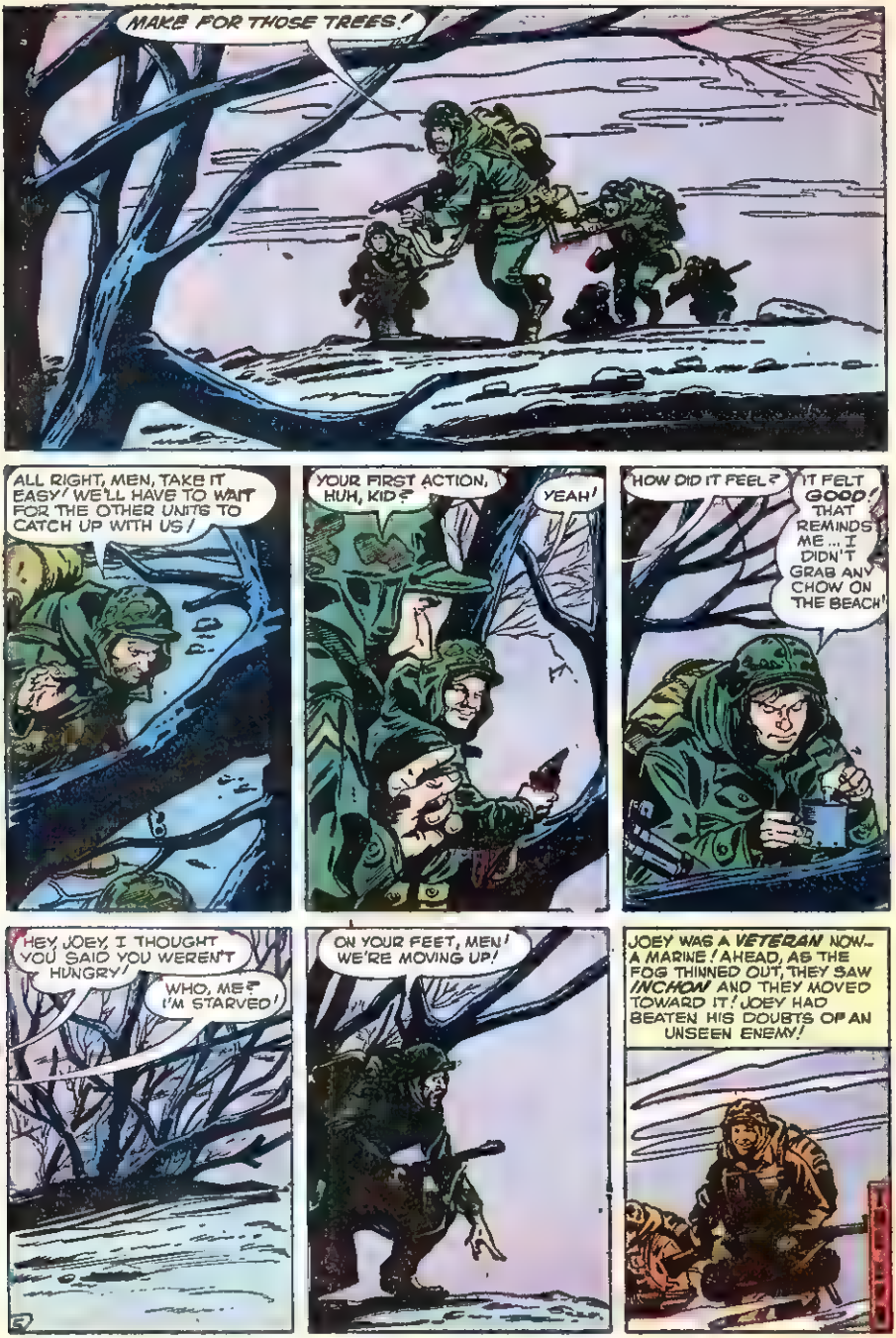
AND HE FOUGHT LIKE A GIANT, LIKE TEN MEN...

WHERE WAS THE DOUBT NOW? AND THEN IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE, HE KNEW...



THE ENEMY FADED BACK, DRIVEN BY THE FIGHTING FURY OF THE MARINES...


THAT'S WHY THE OTHERS WERE SO CALM! THEY'VE BEEN THRU IT ALL BEFORE! THEY COULD VISUALIZE THE ENEMY AHEAD, KNEW THEY WERE THERE, BUT I COULD SEE NOTHING...AND A MAN CAN'T FIGHT THE UNSEEN!


MAKE FOR THOSE TREES!
ALL RIGHT, MEN, TAKE IT EASY! WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE OTHER UNITS TO CATCH UP WITH US!
YOUR FIRST ACTION, HUH, KID?
YEAH!
HOW DID IT FEEL?
IT FELT GOOD! THAT REMINDS ME ... I DIDN'T GRAB ANY CHOW ON THE BEACH!
HEY, JOEY, I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T HUNGRY!
WHO, ME? I'M STARVED!
ON YOUR FEET, MEN! WE'RE MOVING UP!
JOEY WAS A VETERAN NOW.. A MARINE! AHEAD, AS THE FOG THINNED OUT, THEY SAW INCHON AND THEY MOVED TOWARD IT! JOEY HAD BEATEN HIS DOUBTS OF AN UNSEEN ENEMY!

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BUCK BANNER CROUCHES AND WADES INTO BRADY..
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BRADY
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THE OTHER BOOTS STOP TO WATCH BUCK AND BOOT-CAMP BRADY...
BUCK'S BEEN TRYING TO GET THE BEST OF THE SARGE EVER SINCE WE STARTED OUR BOOT TRA NING!
AYE! AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S DOING IT AT LAST!
BUT BOOT-CAMP BRADY CHANGES THEIR MINDS AND BUCK'S WITH TWO BLOWS...
ONE!
TWO!
BRADY
YOU WIN, SARGE! NO HARD FEELINGS, HUH? I TRIED TO SHOW YOU UP IN EVERYTHING, BUT YOU'RE AS GOOD AS THEY SAY YOU ARE!
THE MARINE CORPS MADE ME THAT WAY,- AND I'LL DO THE SAME FOR YOU GUYS!
BRADY
AND I'VE GOT ANOTHER HAPPY SCOOP FOR ALL OF YOU! TOMORROW YOUR BOOT TRAINING ENDS!
YA-HOO!
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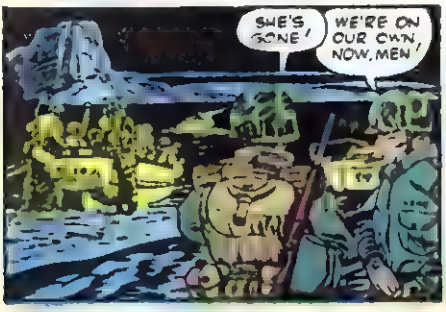
THE BOATS GROUND QUIETLY ON THE SAND! THE MEN TURNED THEIR HEADS TOWARD THE SEA! BUT THE SEA THAT HAD BROUGHT THEM HERE WAS ALREADY SWALLOWED UP BY DARKNESS...



WE'LL SET UP H.Q. IN THIS FIRST BAND OF TREES! "SPARKS", GET YOUR RADIO SET UP AND CONTACT BASE! MOVE THOSE MORTARS IN A PERIMETER AROUND OUR CAMP! SNAP TO IT, MEN!

THEY WORKED IN QUICK PRECISION! QUIETLY, THEIR CAMP FORMED...

I'VE CONTACTED BASE, SIR! THEY ORDER RADIO SILENCE UNTIL MISSION IS COMPLETED!

JUNGLE BIRDS OF THE MORNING STIRRED IN THE BRUSH! THE MARINES RESTED...

GIVE US SOME HOT BLUES ON THAT BUGLE, KID!

WISH I COULD! COLONEL'S ORDERS... NO NOISE! COURSE, WHAT I BLOW OUT OF THIS OL' BUGLE *CAN'T* RIGHTLY BE CALLED "NOISE!"

WHERE D'ID YOU GET THAT HA RCUT BALDY?

IT'S A MARINE HAIRCUT!

TAKES MORE THAN A HAIRCUT TO MAKE A MARINE, KID!

YEAH! THIS IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN TOOTIN' A HORN WITH A JAZZ BAND, BALDY!

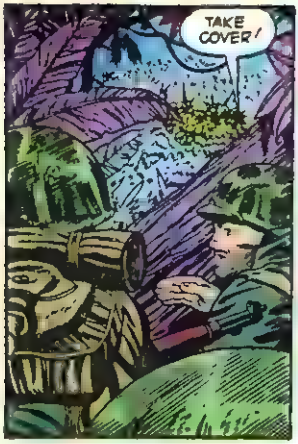
TO EASE THE TENSENESS WAITING FOR DARK, THEY KIDDED BUGLER WILLIAM CANBY! EVEN THE COLONEL TOOK A HAND...

BETTER COVER THAT HEAD, KID! IF THE SUN REFLECTS OFF ITS SURFACE, IT WILL GIVE OUR POSITION AWAY TO THE ENEMY!

PRESENTLY, SHADOWS LENGTHENED AND THE JUNGLE NIGHT CAME! THE COLONEL GATHERED HIS MEN AND ISSUED ORDERS!

WE'VE *GOT* TO FIND THE ENEMY BASE AND *DESTROY* IT! YOU'LL DIVIDE INTO TWO PATROLS AND SCOUT! TAKE WALKIE-TALKIES AND GIVE US THE WORD WHEN YOU LOCATE THE ENEMY BASE!

THE KID MOVED THRU THE JUNGLE, ATTACHED TO A PATROL UNDER LIEUTENANT MILES...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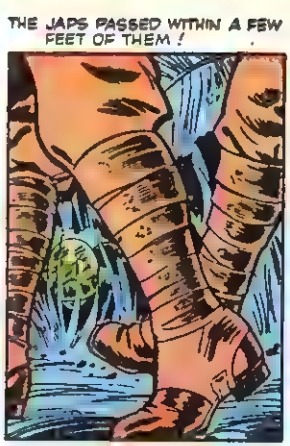
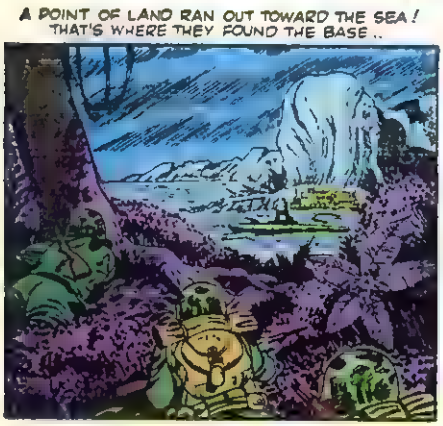
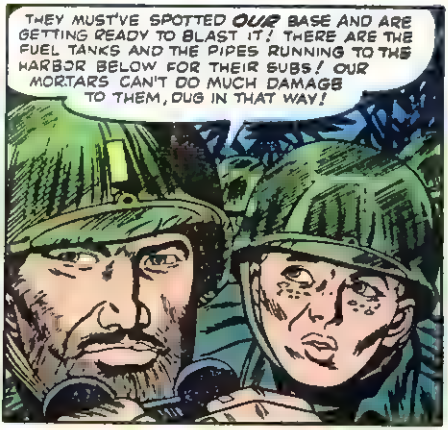
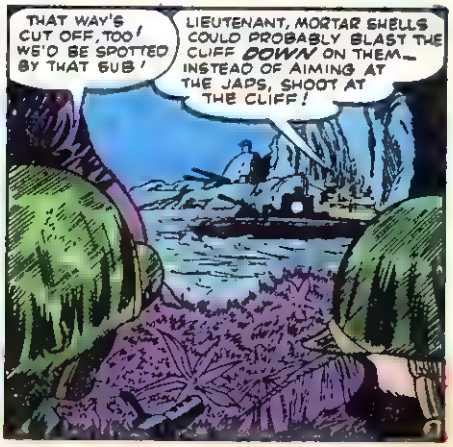

THE JAPS PASSED WITHIN A FEW FEET OF THEM!

WE'VE HIT THE JACKPOT! THE BASE MUST BE CLOSE!


A POINT OF LAND RAN OUT TOWARD THE SEA! THAT'S WHERE THEY FOUND THE BASE..


THEY MUST'VE SPOTTED OUR BASE AND ARE GETTING READY TO BLAST IT! THERE ARE THE FUEL TANKS AND THE PIPES RUNNING TO THE HARBOR BELOW FOR THEIR SUBS! OUR MORTARS CAN'T DO MUCH DAMAGE TO THEM, DUG IN THAT WAY!

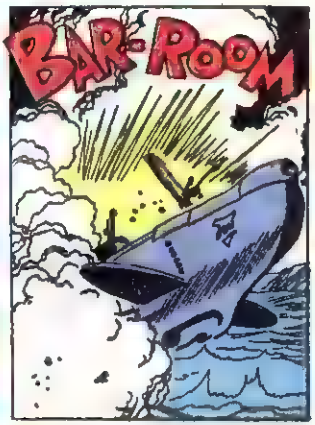
THEY OUTNUMBER US ABOUT TEN TO ONE! MORTAR FIRE WON'T TOUCH THEM, ONLY PINPOINT OUR H Q FOR THEIR ARTILLERY TO POUND! WE'D BETTER GET BACK AND REPORT, INSTEAD OF COMMUNICATING...
THERE ARE A COUPLE OF BIG PATROLS BEHIND US! ONLY WAY FOR US TO GET OUT IS ALONG THE SHORE...


THAT WAY'S CUT OFF, TOO! WE'D BE SPOTTED BY THAT SUB!
LIEUTENANT, MORTAR SHELLS COULD PROBABLY BLAST THE CLIFF DOWN ON THEM— INSTEAD OF AIMING AT THE JAPS, SHOOT AT THE CLIFF!

BUT THE SECOND OUR MORTARS OPEN UP, THE JAPS WILL PIN-POINT THEM AND SLAM THEM WITH THEIR OWN HEAVIER ARTILLERY!
IF ONE OF THOSE FUEL TANKS WERE FIRED, IT WOULD BLOW BLACK SMOKE OVER THE JAP BASE AND THEY COULDN'T SPOT THE EXACT POSITION OF OUR MORTARS!
I THINK YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING! I'LL CONTACT THE COLONEL...
LIEUTENANT MILES COMMUNICTED WITH THE COLONEL! THE PLAN WAS APPROVED! A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE PATROL WAS IN ITS NEW POSITION...
HOLD OFF THOSE JAPS! THE REST OF YOU PUNCTURE THOSE FUEL TANKS!
WITH A ROAR, THE TANKS BURST INTO FLAME, SENDING OUT A HUGE COLUMN OF BLACK SMOKE!
THAT DID IT! PUSH THRU, MEN! OUR OWN SHELLS WILL BE COMING OVER!
AT H.Q. THE MORTARS BEGAN TO POUND...
THE LIEUTENANT SAYS... RAISE SIGHTS 20 FEET! DEAD ON TARGET!
THIS IS A STRANGE WAY TO FIGHT THE JAPS, SHOOTING AT THE ROCKS INSTEAD OF THE ENEMY BELOW!
THE JAP SUB IN THE HARBOR BEGAN TO SHELL THE TREE BELT WHERE THE PATROL WAITED!
I HOPE THIS WORKS!
KA-WAM!
KA-WAM!
THERE IT GOES! IT WORKED!
RRRUMBLE

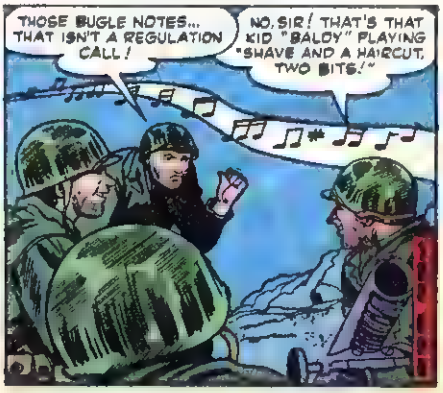
THE MORTARS KEPT SMASHING AWAY AND COLONEL JENKS BROKE RADIO SILENCE!

THE TWO MARINE PATROLS CONSOLIDATED! THEN LIEUTENANT MILES CONTACTED H.Q. AGAIN...



WITHIN TEN MINUTES, THE BASE HAD BEEN TAKEN AND THE ISLAND WAS THEIRS!

AND THEN THE SILVER TONE OF A BUGLE DRIFTED OVER THE LITTLE ISLAND! COLONEL JENKS COCKED HIS HEAD AND LISTENED...



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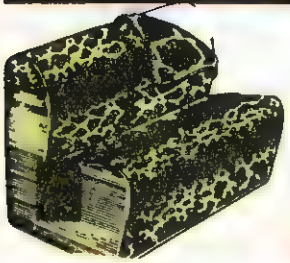

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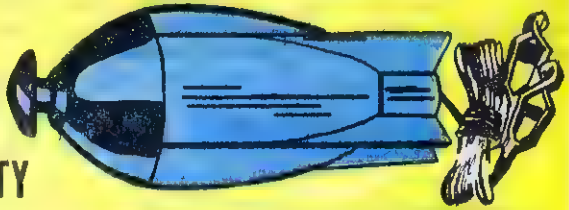

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The farmer and his remaining son armed themselves and rejoined the soldier. Now, over the brow of the hill marched the vanguard of the advancing enemy army, its general out in front, leading on horseback. The sun, peeping over the horizon, glinted off their brass armor and iron swords.

Back, step by step, keeping out of sight, the trio of armed men retreated, keeping time with the advance, hoping to find a place to give battle.

"There are thousands of them," the farmer whispered.

"There are thousands more in the city, have they but the time to wake and arm," the soldier replied grimly.

"Look!" the farmer's son cried, pointing to a billow of smoke. "The first bridge is burning!"

The enemy saw the smoke simultaneously, increased its rate of march. Now the men advanced on the double. Hoarse, barked commands rang out; the brazen trumpets blew. The trio retreated yet more swiftly, dashing along the side of the road back toward the city. Fresh bursts of flame announced that bridge after bridge was being fired!

"They have not yet fired the Sublician Bridge!" The soldier said. "Come, 'tis only a short distance ahead. There we must stop and hold the bridgehead against the enemy!"

"Hold it . . . against a whole army?" the farmer quavered.

"Aye, that is our task, even to an ungrateful city!"

At the bridgehead, they took up their stand. Already, on the other side, they saw men hacking away at the bridge supports. There had been no time to gather straw to set fire to it.

Down the road whirled the enemy vanguard. They broke into a run as they saw what was happening. Swords swung up like arcs of fire . . . and then the battle was joined.

At the narrow bridgehead, the soldier and his friends stood side by side, the swords rising and falling about them. They parried the blows skillfully. Enemy shields, spears and blades went flying into the water from their slashing defense.

"At them . . . at them!" the enemy general cried. And more and more soldiers pressed toward the bridgehead. Still, time and again they were forced back. Now the defending trio were breathing hard.

"I can hold out but a short time longer!" the farmer cried.

"Hold, then . . . and we will be saved!" the soldier replied.

From behind came an ominous cracking sound as the wrecking axes slashed through the last support. With a terrible crash, the bridge slewed sideways and fell athwart the stream. An instant later, the trio, throwing their swords after it jumped in and swam desperately for the far shore.

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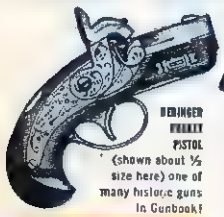

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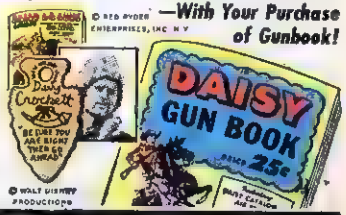

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NEGATIVE! THAT'S NOT IT! AIN'T YOU HEARD THE LATEST SCOOP?
"CAPTURED BY THE COMMIES!"
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HE AND HIS BUDDY "SCUTTLEBUTT" STACY WENT OUT ON A PATROL AND SCUTTLEBUTT GOT CAPTURED BY THE COMMIES!
HUH? HOW'D THAT HAPPEN WITH ROCK AROUND?

"WELL, YOU KNOW THAT ASKIN' A MARINE TO SURRENDER IS ASKIN' FOR TROUBLE, AN' THAT'S WHAT THAT RED AMBUSH PATROL GOT PLENTY OF!"

TAKE THEM PRISONERS!

THE ONLY THING YOU'LL TAKE, COMMIE, IS WHAT *WE GIVE YOU!*

"DURIN' THE SCRAMBLE, ONE OF THE REDS SNEAKED UP BEHIND SCUTTLEBUTT..."

"ROCK MURDOCK SAW THAT SNEAKY SLAM AND HE TOOK A FLYIN' LEAP AT THE COMMIE .."

"HE HIT THE COMMIE LIKE AN ARTILLERY SHELL, AN' BOTH OF 'EM WENT SPILLIN' DOWN THE HILLSIDE..."

OW-W!

"WHEN THEY STOPPED ROLLIN' AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL, ROCK PAID BACK THE RED FOR THAT SLAM THE RED HAD CROWNED SCUTTLEBUTT WITH!"

"BUT WHEN ROCK GOT BACK UP TO THE AMBUSH SCENE, HE WAS TOO LATE..."

I'VE GOT TO GET BACK UP THE HILL HUBBA-HUBBA TO HELP SCUTTLEBUTT!

GONE! THEY'RE ALL GONE, AN' THEY TOOK SCUTTLEBUTT *WITH THEM!*

ROCK BLAMED HIMSELF FOR SCUTTLEBUTT'S CAPTURE!
"ROCK DIDN'T GO BACK TO THE OUTFIT... HE WENT DEEPER INTO COMMIE-LAND LOOKIN' FOR THE REDS AND HIS PAL..."
I'LL FIND THOSE COMMIES IF IT TAKES THE REST OF MY HITCH!
"ALL THAT DAY AND NIGHT ROCK SEARCHED THE WOODS, THE RICE PADDIES, THE HILLS AND THE MOUNTAINS, HOPING WITH EVERY STEP..."
I'VE GOT TO FIND SCUTTLEBUTT! IT'S MY FAULT THE REDS GOT HIM!
"THEN SUDDENLY ROCK FROZE! HE HEARD FOOTSTEPS! HE RAISED HIS GARAND AND WAITED..."
"HIS TRIGGER-FINGER PULSED AS THE FOOTSTEPS GOT LOUDER... CLOSER! THEN HIS TARGETS STEPPED OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO THE MOONLIGHT..."
LIEUTENANT BARKER!
IT'S ROCK, LIEUTENANT!
THE REDS GOT SCUTTLEBUTT, LIEUTENANT! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR REDS ALL DAY AND NIGHT!
AND SO HAVE WE, ROCK... BUT WE HAVEN'T SPOTTED A SINGLE ONE! WE BETTER GET BACK TO THE OUTFIT!
ROCK DIDN'T WANT TO GO BACK, BUT THE LIEUTENANT MADE HIM! AN' FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS, EVERY REQUEST ROCK HAS MADE FOR PERMISSION TO GO OUT LOOKING FOR SCUTTLEBUTT HAS BEEN DENIED! SO ROCK JUST SITS THERE BLAMIN' HIMSELF FOR HIS PAL'S CAPTURE!

ROCK! I'M TAKING THE PLATOON OUT ON PATROL
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR SCUTTLEBUTT AT LAST, SIR?
PRISONERS MIGHT TELL US WHERE HE IS..THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING OUT..
BUT YOU'RE NOT COMING ALONG!
WE'VE ALSO GOT TO FIND OUT WHY THE REDS HAVE BEEN SO QUIET LATELY... AND IN YOUR EAGERNESS TO HELP YOUR BUDDY,-YOU MIGHT DO SOMETHING RECKLESS THAT WOULD ENDANGER THE ENTIRE PLATOON! SO YOU'LL STAY HERE!
SADLY AND SILENTLY, ROCK MURDOCK WATCHED AS HIS OUTFIT DEPARTED...
BUT ROCK WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WATCHING HIS PLATOON LEAVE...
MY PAL IS A PRISONER SOMEWHERE IN RED TERRITORY, AND THEY LEAVE ME BEHIND WHERE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP SCUTTLEBUTT!
THE AMERICANS HAVE GONE! THEY LEFT ONLY ONE GUARD TO WATCH OVER ALL THEIR FOOD SUPPLIES!
COME, COMRADE! WE GO TO ENLIGHTEN OUR OFFICER WITH THIS INFORMATION!
TEN MINUTES LATER, THE REDS APPROACHED THE GYRENE POSITION, LED BY A COMMIE CAPTAIN...
ROCK'S KEEN SENSE OF HEARING PICKED UP THE MUFFLED SOUNDS...
REDS! WALKING RIGHT INTO RANGE!
HO, YANKEE! WE KNOW YOU ARE HERE ALONE! IF YOU OPEN FIRE ON US, YOU'LL ALSO OPEN FIRE ON ONE OF YOUR COMRADES!
THEY'VE GOT SCUTTLEBUTT!

WE COME FOR FOOD SO OUR TROOPS MAY EAT AND COME OUT OF HIDING TO FIGHT AGAIN! IN RETURN FOR YOUR FOOD SUPPLIES WE WILL RELEASE THIS MARINE UNHARMED!
OKAY, COMMIE! HELP YOURSELF!
BECAUSE YOU'LL SURE NEED HELP IF THIS CIGAR LANDS INTO THAT CAN OF GASOLINE!
SWOOSH!
WHILE THE SURPRISED REDS FLOUNDERED IN THE FLASH AND SMOKE, ROCK MOVED SWIFTLY AROUND THE FLAMING WALL TOWARD HIS PAL...
OKAY, BUDDY! YOU'RE UNTIED!
THANKS, ROCK! I KNEW YOU'D RESCUE ME SOONER OR LATER! NOW LET'S GET AT THOSE COMMIES!
YOU WANTED SUPPLIES, CAPTAIN COMRADE... NOW YOU'VE GOT 'EM!
THIS IS FOR MAKING ME WORRY ABOUT MY PAL!
EVERYTHING, FROM THE CRATES TO C-RATION CANS WERE WEAPONS IN THE BATTLE WHICH LASTED UNTIL THE PLATOON RETURNED FROM THEIR PATROL...
ROCK TOLD WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND THE LIEUTENANT WASN'T A BIT SURPRISED...
LOOK, LIEUTENANT! WE DIDN'T FIND ANY REDS... BUT ROCK SURE DID!
YEAH! AND LIKE A MARINE, HE'S GOT THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND! HE'S HIMSELF AGAIN, BECAUSE SCUTTLEBUTT IS BACK!
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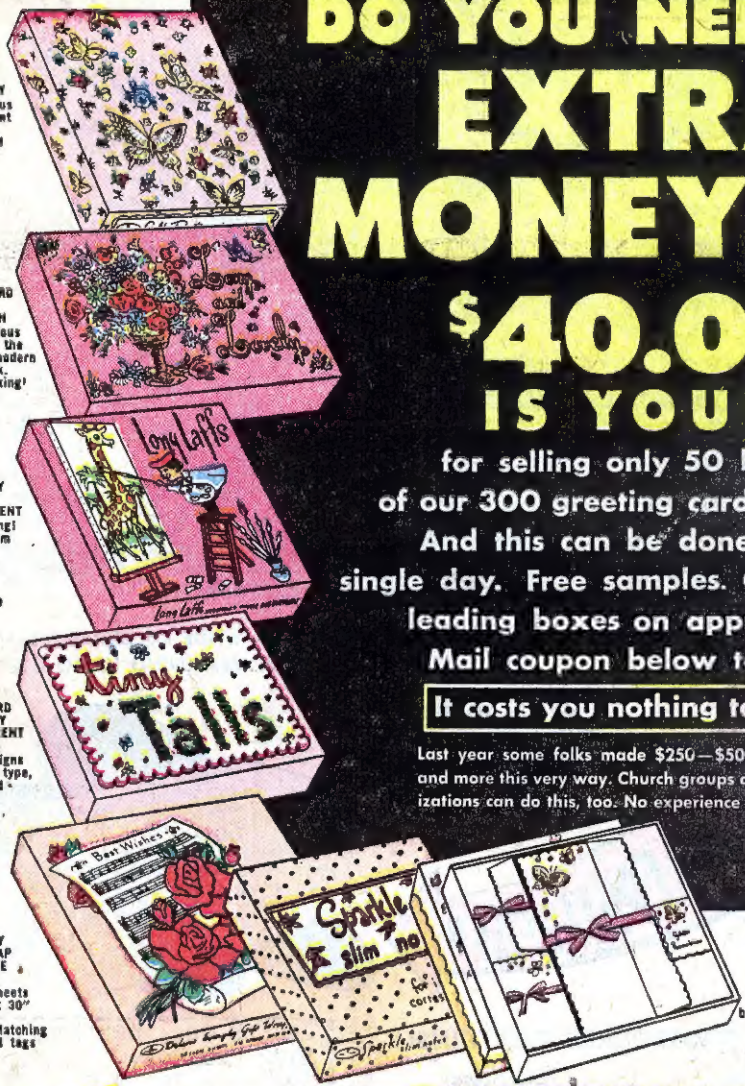

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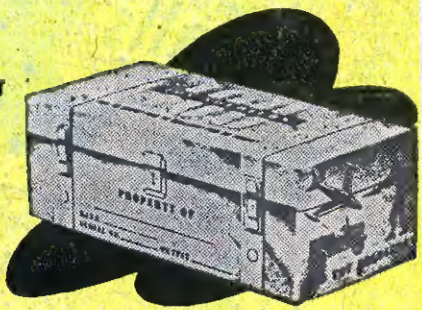

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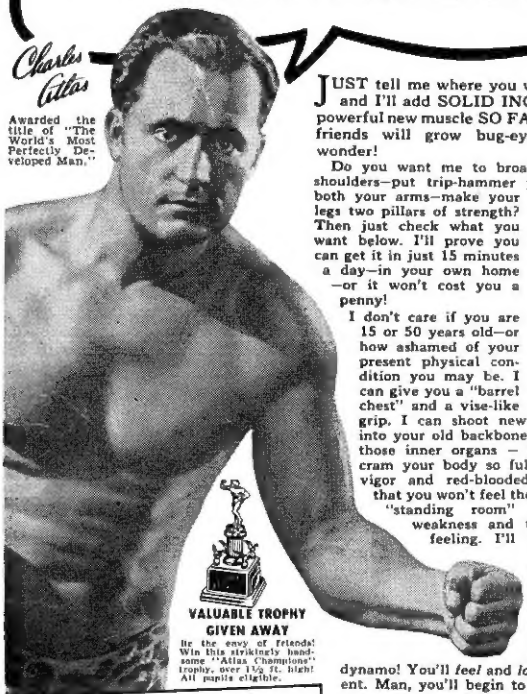

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